

Application Deadline for ASN Fall 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2025

- NURSING INFORMATION SESSION
Attend a required Nursing Information Session.
- NURSING APPLICATION
Complete admissions application to the program at our website nashuacc.edu
- COURSES REQUIRED
Submit proof of completion of **Anatomy & Physiology I** and **Introduction to Psychology**
- TEAS EXAM
Pre-admission Examination: Complete the *Test of Essential Academic Skills* (TEAS) by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) with a total score of 66%.
 - Register online at www.atitesting.com.
 - The TEAS must be taken within 2 years of the start of the first nursing course.
 - It is recommended that you wait six weeks between each attempt.
- Ability to meet the Health, Character, and Technical Standards for the ASN program as stated in the Nashua Community College Catalog (see page 6).

IMPORTANT TRANSFER CREDIT INFORMATION

Submit official transcripts of previous college credits (if applicable) to be evaluated for transferability.

- ***Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology must be no more than five years old from the start of the first nursing course with a minimum grade of C+ or higher.***
- ***Introduction to Psychology and Human Growth and Development with a minimum grade of C+ or higher.***

NOTE - Please send transcripts to: Nashua Community College
Attn: Admissions
505 Amherst St.
Nashua, NH 03063
(Or email to: nashua@ccsnh.edu)

Advanced Placement for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) Spring 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2024

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) may have the opportunity to enter the ASN program with advanced standing in the Spring semester of the first year on a **space available basis**.

NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

Attend a required Nursing Information Session.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT NURSING APPLICATION

Complete admissions application to the program at our website nashuacc.edu

COURSES REQUIRED

Submit proof of completion of **Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Introduction to Psychology** and **Human Growth & Development**.

LPN LICENSE

Submit proof of active LPN license. Your LPN License does not need to be from NH.

NACE EXAM

Complete the National League for Nursing (NLN) Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (**NACE I – Foundations of Nursing**) and attain an overall percent score of 74% or higher. Applicants who successfully complete the NLN NACE exam and are accepted into the program will be awarded 8 credits in place of NURS125N: Fundamental Concepts and Skills for Nursing Practice.

Ability to meet the Health, Character, and Technical Standards for the ASN program as stated in the Nashua Community College Catalog (see page 6).

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- **Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology** must be no more than five years old from the start of the first nursing course with a minimum grade of C+ or higher.
- **Introduction to Psychology and Human Growth and Development** with a minimum grade of C+ or higher.

NURSING TRANSFER STUDENTS

Spring 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2024

Transfer students who have been enrolled in a Nursing program within the past five years may have the opportunity to transfer into the ASN program at NCC on a **space available basis**.

- NURSING INFORMATION SESSION**
Attend a required Nursing Information Session.
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT NURSING APPLICATION**
Complete admissions application to the program at our website nashuacc.edu
- COURSES REQUIRED**
Submit proof of completion of **Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, Introduction to Psychology** and **Human Growth & Development**.
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**
Submit a letter of recommendation on school letterhead from the director of the Nursing program from your previous nursing school.
- NURSING CREDITS**
Nursing credits must be no more than five years old from the start of the first Nursing class at NCC and have a minimum grade of C+.
- CONFIRM PROGRAM ALIGNMENT**
Meet with the Department Chair of the Nursing Program, Professor Lisa Gray (lgray@ccsnh.edu) to confirm program alignment.
- ATI FUNDAMENTALS EXAM**
After receiving confirmation of program alignment, register to take the ATI Fundamentals Exam and attain a level 2 score or better.
- Ability to meet the Health, Character, and Technical Standards for the ASN program as stated in the Nashua Community College Catalog (see page 6)

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- Submit official transcripts of previous college credits (if applicable) to be evaluated for transferability.
- ***Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology must be no more than five years old from the start of the first nursing course with a minimum grade of C+ or higher.***
 - ***Introduction to Psychology and Human Growth and Development with a minimum grade of C+ or higher.***

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed, and admission decisions will be made by the Vice-President of Student and Community Affairs and the Director of the Department of Nursing. Selection for the nursing program will be made using the criteria below. In fall 2024 and fall 2025, students who are successfully progressing in NCC's Health Science Pre-Nursing Pathway will be eligible for priority acceptance to the Nursing program.

- Successful progression in NCC's Pre-Nursing Pathway
- ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)* with a Total Score of 66% or higher.
- Grades for A&P I and Introduction to Psychology
- Number of nursing-related general education courses
- History of academic success
- Is an active LPN, LNA, MNA, CAN, MA, Paramedic, or EMT

Qualified students not accepted in the initial selection process may be assigned to a prioritized waitlist according to the above criteria. They may be subsequently admitted if an opening becomes available.

*The ATI TEAS measures applicants' entry-level academic readiness and predicts success in the first-trimester Nursing course. To receive information regarding the ATI TEAS or to register for a specific exam date, contact ATI at <https://atitesting.com>

Time Allotment for Program Completion

- All nursing courses must be completed within (5) five years of the date of entry into the first nursing course.
- Students must follow the program of study requirements as published in the College Catalog in the academic year of their acceptance into the ASN Program. In the event of a curriculum change prior to completion and phasing out of previous courses, the student may be required to repeat one or more courses for placement in the new curriculum.
- Completion of the ASN degree does not guarantee RN licensure.

Students who do not meet the criteria for progression may seek reentry into the program at the point of last success with approval from the director of the department on a space available basis. Re-entry is not guaranteed, and students will only be granted one opportunity to reenter the program. Refer to the Re-Enrollment Process Policy.

Clinical Requirements

It is understood that acceptance is conditional upon submission of satisfactory evidence in the form of the following documents no later than four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester.

- All costs associated with pre-entry requirements are the responsibility of the student. Accepted students will be given specific information regarding pre-entry requirements during the nursing orientation.
- Submit a current (within 1 year to beginning first nursing course) physical examination on the NCC Health Form including all required health screening:
 - Two-step TB Skin test (blood test acceptable)
 - MMR (2 doses or positive titer o Varicella (2 doses or positive titer.)
 - Hepatitis B (3-doses or positive titer)
 - Tdap (required within 10 years)
 - Influenza vaccine is required yearly or a signed waiver by October
- Students are responsible for submitting updates to immunizations yearly, i.e. flu and Tdap if needed.
- *Submit documentation of COVID-19 vaccinations or documented medical or religious exemption.
- Possess and maintain personal health insurance. Students are responsible for providing yearly insurance coverage documentation. If insurance information changes during the academic year, students must notify the Nursing Department immediately. For more information, contact the Nursing Department.
- A professional liability insurance fee will be included in the cost of attendance.
- Acquire and maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the healthcare provider level (basic life support or healthcare providers from the American Heart Association AHA or Red Cross) that will be valid for the entire two years of the program through graduation.
- Complete a criminal background check (through the college's approved vendor) with satisfactory results. An NH and federal criminal background record is required. Any fees are at the student's expense. A history of felonies or selective misdemeanors may deny entrance into the nursing program. Based on clinical facility requirements, students may be required to perform more than one criminal background check throughout the program. Based on criminal background results, participation in clinical experiences may be restricted or denied. It, therefore, would affect the ability of the student to meet course objectives and complete the program.
- Complete a drug test (through the college's approved vendor), which must be done within two weeks before the first clinical day. The cost is to be incurred by the student. Based on clinical facility requirements, students may be required to perform multiple drug tests throughout the program. Participation in clinical experiences may be restricted or denied based on drug testing results. It, therefore, would affect the ability of the student to meet course objectives and complete the program.

- Individuals with a court record or a criminal conviction may wish to contact the Board(s) of Registration in Nursing in any state where they plan to work for guidelines; a previous record may affect eligibility for RN licensure. The NH Board of Nursing can be reached at 603-271-2323. This will allow the individual to make an informed decision about choosing to pursue nursing education at this time.
- Students will repeat the criminal background check, TB, and drug testing before their senior year.
- A note on COVID-19 vaccination: Although the nursing program does not require proof of vaccination for acceptance, many of Nashua Community College's partner healthcare agencies have policies that require students to have received the complete services of COVID-19 with a booster. Some agencies will allow medical and religious exemptions, but others will not. If a student cannot meet clinical requirements due to choosing not to vaccinate, they may not be able to meet clinical and course learning outcomes.

In addition, fees may include but are not limited to:

- Clinical Fees
- Assessment Technologies Institute® (ATI) testing package.
- Uniforms, stethoscope, penlight, watch with a second hand, textbooks, skills lab kit and supplies for lab practice, nursing pins, NCLEX preparation, and licensure.

Please Note:

Degree requirements must be completed within five years of the first nursing course. Completing the program does not guarantee success on the NCLEX-RN, the licensing exam.

Before meeting all program course requirements, the matriculated nursing student may be eligible to apply to the NHBON for licensure after successful completion (defined as achieving a minimum course grade of "C+.") of the following course:

NURS125N: apply for licensure as a Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA)

Health Character and Technical Standards for the Associate in Science in Nursing Program

Technical standards have been established to inform the student of minimum standards to satisfactorily function in the program and ultimately in the profession. The College must ensure that patient(s) of clinical affiliates are not placed in jeopardy by students during learning experiences.

Therefore, students in service learning and clinical experiences must demonstrate sufficient emotional stability to withstand the stress, uncertainties, and rapidly changing circumstances that characterize the responsibilities of patient(s).

Furthermore, the student is expected to have the emotional stability required to exercise sound judgment, accept direction and guidance from a supervisor or faculty member, and establish rapport and maintain sensitive interpersonal relationships with patients, their families, agency staff, faculty, and peers. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health to meet program objectives.

1. Sufficient hearing to assess patient needs, physiological signs, understand instructions, identify emergency signals, assess body functions, and engage in telephone conversation.
2. Sufficient visual acuity to observe patients, manipulate equipment, interpret data, ensure a safe environment, identify color changes, read fine print/writing, and do fine calibrations.
3. Sufficient speech and language ability to express, comprehend, and exchange information and ideas in English verbally, nonverbally, and in writing, and to interact clearly and logically with patients, family members, physicians, nurses, faculty, peers, and other ancillary medical personnel.
4. Sufficient tactile ability to assess pressure, temperature, position, vibration, and movement.
5. Ability to work with frequent interruptions, to respond appropriately in emergencies or unexpected situations, and to cope with extreme variations in workload and stress levels.
6. Sufficient emotional intelligence to exhibit empathy and compassion, to maintain productive relationships in classroom and clinical settings, and to integrate direction, instruction, and criticism into behavioral changes.
7. Sufficient strength, endurance, and motor coordination to perform the following physical activities: participation in lengthy classroom activities; fine and gross motor skills to carry out procedures; ability to safely and frequently handle, lift, and/ or carry equipment and patients up to thirty pounds; stamina to complete an eight-to-twelve-hour work shift; and ability to perform CPR.
8. Sufficient information technology access and skills to complete assignments according to program standards.
9. Applicants with latex allergies are advised to seek professional medical consultation.